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Did we have a hand in this?
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to EM. yes. RDD

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

23 March 1984

The Honorable Jack Brooks
Chairman, Legislation and National
Security Subcommittee
Committee on Government Operations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

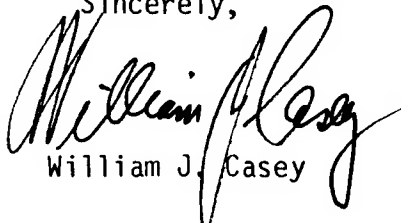
This letter is in response to your recent request for comments on the General Accounting Office report entitled "National Security Implications of Commercializing Landsat and Weather Satellites." (U)

We find that the report effectively reflects Intelligence Community concerns relative to the potential impact on the national security of private sector operation of the satellites. Our principal concerns are that any such transfer to the private sector should provide for:

- Federal Government control of imaging system operations during tension or crisis periods so as to preclude information of intelligence or military advantage being collected for, and being made available to, actual or potential hostile forces.
- Federal Government priorities for any imagery collection operations that might be needed to support current or future national security requirements.
- Confidentiality, where necessary, concerning US intelligence and military requirements.
- Obtaining imagery in a dependable timely manner at reasonable costs that will not inhibit effective use for US Government activities, for example, for monitoring foreign agricultural production.
- Procedures to control the orderly sharing of technology among military and civilian organizations. (S)

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views on this important matter. (U)

Sincerely,


William J. Casey

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